



WISCONSIN STATEWIDE FOREST PLAN



INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN THE STATEWIDE FOREST PLAN

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SURVEY ON FORESTRY TRENDS AND ISSUES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION—THE FIRST STEP

At the root of the statewide forest plan is the belief that those interested and affected by Wisconsin's forests should participate in and help shape the planning process.

THE SURVEY

As a first step toward developing a Statewide Forest Plan, DNR Forestry sought input from citizens, organizations and industry in a survey asking what forestry trends and issues should be addressed. We also asked participants to suggest important trends and issues that have not yet been identified.

Of 8,725 surveys mailed, 2,138 were returned. Over 7,600 written comments were made (The deadline for submittal was January 5, 2001).

SURVEY OBJECTIVES

Survey respondents were asked to:

- ✿ Assess the importance of 45 trends and issues.
- ✿ Make written comments on the trends and issues.
- ✿ Identify additional trends and issues (not identified in the assessment report).

SURVEY FORMAT

Surveys included:

- ✿ A brief description of each trend/ issue followed by the question:

This trend/issue should be addressed in a statewide forest plan?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Not Sure
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

- ✿ Trends/issues grouped by five categories: ecological, economic, social, urban and global

- ✿ Space for comments provided after each trend/issue



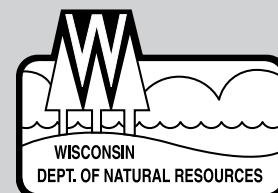
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We also asked respondents to:

- ❖ Suggest important trends or issues that we did not identify.
- ❖ List the top ten issues that should be addressed in a statewide forest plan for Wisconsin.

SURVEY RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The overwhelming majority of respondents felt that all 45 trends/issues should be addressed in the Statewide Forest Plan.
- ❖ 437 suggestions for additional trends and issues were made.
- ❖ The trend/issue, motorized recreation, received the most comments
- ❖ On average, less than 3% strongly disagreed with any trends/issue

FULL REPORT OF RESULTS

A complete version of the survey results can be seen at our web site

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry

or by requesting a hard copy (publication PUB-FR-165 2001)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Statewide Forest Planning documents checklist:

- ☐ Forest assessment report, *Wisconsin Forests at the Millennium*
- ☐ Results of the DNR Forestry Survey on Trends and Issues
- ☐ Fact sheets
 - ✓ Survey on forestry trends and issues
 - ✓ Web conference

TO RECEIVE ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS, CONTACT:

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